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SUBJECT: STUDENT RIOT IN SOUTH THAILAND

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1. AS THE SEVERE FLOODING IN DEVASTATED NAKHON SI THAMMARAT PROVINCE SUBSIDED, PUBLIC CRITICISM OF PROVINCIAL DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS INCREASED. BANGKOK NEWSPAPERS JANUARY 20-22 REPORTED DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST GOVERNOR KHLAI CHITPHITHAK, WHO ACCORDING TO THE EVENING "WORLD" HAS FLED THE SCENE. STUDENTS REPORTEDLY BURNT DOWN THE GOVERNOR'S HOUSE JANUARY 22. THE DEMONSTRATORS PROTESTED STEEP RISES IN FOOD PRICES AND ALLEGED MISMANAGEMENT OF AID TO FLOOD VICTIMS (REF A).

2. THE CONSUL IN SONGKHLA REPORTS THAT AS OF THE AFTERNOON
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OF JANUARY 22 SERIOUS STUDENT RIOTING HAD BROKEN OUT IN THE

CAPITAL OF NAKHON SI THAMMARAT PROVINCE. HE ALSO SAYS THAT THE RIOTING CROWDS ARE 3-4000 STRONG. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO ANTI-U.S. ACTIONS REPORTED, HE HAS TAKEN THE PRE-CAUTION OF EVACUATING AMERICAN MILITARY ENGAGED IN DISASTER RELIEF THERE, AND HAS SUSPENDED RELIEF FLIGHTS TO NAKHON SI THAMMARAT.

3. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER INFORMATION AS WE GLEAN IT FROM THE SOUTH.
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